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EPA inspector general reports on agency response to an event that never happened at a company that doesn't exist



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Adair Grain/West Fertilizer's anhydrous ammonia tanks after the explosion on April 17, 2013. (G.J. McCarthy/The Dallas Morning News)

The Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Inspector General, which does internal audits and investigations, has released a [report](#) on the management of debris after a Texas tragedy last year. The trouble is, the report deals with an explosion that didn't happen at a company that doesn't exist.

Here's the opening:

"On April 17, 2013, a fire caused an anhydrous ammonia explosion at the Adair Green Inc. Fertilizer Plant in West, Texas, known as the West Fertilizer explosion. The explosion caused multiple fires within a half-mile radius and resulted in 14 deaths and about 200 injuries."

Not close. Where to start?

The name of the company is not Adair Green. It's Adair Grain Inc., dba West Fertilizer.

There was no anhydrous ammonia explosion. In fact, making the stuff explode is nearly impossible.

As The Dallas Morning News noted within hours of the blast, media speculation that tanks of anhydrous ammonia had exploded was simply wrong. Tanks of anhydrous ammonia were the victims of the explosion, smashed and burned. They weren't the perpetrators. It was ammonium nitrate that blew up.

The human toll was 15 killed, not 14, and more than 300 injured, not 200.

But the Office of Inspector General did get the date right.

We've asked the OIG's news office to explain, but no one has responded.